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1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DR. FRED J. FULLERTON, ACTING DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION, APHIS, TO THE MOST SENIOR OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF MEAT INSPECTION SYSTEM IN HOST COUNTRY. THIS MESSAGE REVISES AND UPDATES A SIMILAR MESSAGE ISSUED IN APRIL 1972 (REF).

2. MESSAGE - THE U.S. MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION PROGRAM ROUTINELY ANALYZES SAMPLES OF IMPORTED MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCT TO DETERMINE IF BIOLOGICAL RESIDUES ARE PRESENT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS SAMPLING IS TO MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF RESIDUE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS CONDUCTED IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.
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UNLESS A HISTORY OF VIOLATIVE SAMPLES HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THROUGH U.S. TESTING, SHIPMENTS FROM WHICH SAMPLES ARE SELECTED ARE NOT HELD AT THE U.S. PORT PENDING RECEIPT OF LABORATORY RESULTS.

IN CASES WHERE SAMPLES OF IMPORTED PRODUCTS COLLECTED UNDER THE REGULAR SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM CONTAIN NON-PERMITTED AMOUNTS OF BIOLOGICAL RESIDUES, SPECIAL CONTROL MEASURES ARE INSTITUTED BY THE UNITED STATES. THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF THESE PROCEDURES

IS FURNISHED FOR THE GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS:

A. ALL FUTURE SHIPMENTS FROM THE FOREIGN ESTABLISHMENTS INVOLVED WILL BE HELD UNTIL RESULTS FROM U.S. LABORATORY ANALYSES ARE RECEIVED, UNLESS SHIPMENTS ARE PRETESTED IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND ARE SO CERTIFIED.

B. IF FIVE CONSECUTIVE LABORATORY RESULTS ARE SATISFACTORY, SUBSEQUENT SHIPMENTS WILL NOT BE HELD PENDING ANALYSIS. MORE INTENSIVE SAMPLING, HOWEVER, WILL BE CONDUCTED ON PRODUCTS FROM THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS.

C. IF ONE OR MORE OF THE FIVE CONSECUTIVE SAMPLES IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE, THE PRODUCT WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY AND FOREIGN OFFICIALS WILL BE REQUESTED TO PRETEST AND CERTIFY FUTURE SHIPMENTS OF PRODUCTS FROM THAT ESTABLISHMENT. UNTIL THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED, ALL SHIPMENTS FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT WILL BE HELD PENDING RESULTS OF U.S. TESTING.

D. TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH PRETESTING HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN SANITARY CERTIFICATES ACCOMPANYING SHIPMENTS MUST BE ENDORSED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE A SAMPLE UNIT FROM EACH PRODUCTION LOT IN THE SHIPMENT HAS BEEN LABORATORY TESTED AND THE FAT IN THE MEAT FOUND TO CONTAIN NO RESIDUE WHICH IS UNSAFE WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 408 OF THE U.S. FEDERAL FOOD, DRUG AND COSMETIC ACT. END QUOTE

WHEN ENDORSED CERTIFICATES COME INTO USE SHIPMENTS WILL NOT LONGER BE HELD. ALL SHIPMENTS WILL, HOWEVER, BE SUBJECT TO U.S. ANALYSIS TO CONFIRM COMPLIANCE.

E. PRETESTING AT ORIGIN WILL BE CONDUCTED IN LABORATORIES
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ACCEPTABLE TO FOREIGN OFFICIALS MAKING THE CERTIFICATION. EXAMPLES ARE GIVEN OF SUBSTANCES IN PPM AT WHICH LEVELS ACTION IS TAKEN TO REJECT MEAT PRODUCT AT U.S. PORTS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ACTION LEVELS FOR DDT, HCB, AND METHOXYCHLOR HAVE CHANGED FROM TOLERANCE LEVEL GIVEN IN 1972:

HEPTACHLOR AND HEPTACHLOR EPOXIDE 0.3

DIURON 1.0

ETHYL 4,4' DICHLOROBENZILATE (CHLOROBENZILATE) 0.50

MALATHION 4

METHOXYCHLOR 4.0

CHLORDANE 0.30

PIPERONYL BUTOXIDE 0.10

PYRETHRINS 0.10

ENDRIN 0.30 BENZENE HEXACHLORIDE (BHC) 0.30

LINDANE 7.0 (4.0 IN PORK) 2,4,D 0.0

ALDRIN 0.30	DDT AND METABOLITES 5.0
DIELDRIN 0.30	DALAPON 0.20
TOXAPHENE 7.0	CARBOPHENOTHION 0.10
HEXACHLOROBENZENE (HCB) 0.50	CARBARYL AND ITS 1-NAPHTOL 0.05
PERTHANE 0.0	DIOXATHION (DELNAV) 1.0
DODINE 0.0	ETHION 2.50 IN FAT OF CATTLE, 0.75 IN MEAT OF CATTLE (0.0 OTHER SPECIES)
PCB 5.0	ARSENIC 2 IN LIVER, KIDNEY OF SWINE, 0.5 IN MUSCLE OF SWINE
DIETHYLSTILBESTROL 0.0	

F. IF ALL OR A MAJOR NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN A COUNTRY ESTABLISH A HISTORY OF RESIDUE VIOLATIONS, PRETESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES MAY BE REQUIRED FOR ALL SHIPMENTS FROM A PARTICULAR COUNTRY.

G. PRECERTIFIED SHIPMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS BY THE U.S. INSPECTION SERVICE. AS LONG AS FOREIGN AND U.S. LABORATORY RESULTS ARE GENERALLY IN AGREEMENT, PRODUCTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO MOVE FREELY THROUGH U.S. PORTS, SUBJECT ONLY TO THE USUAL IMPORT INSPECTION. IF REPEATED VIOLATIONS ARE FOUND ON PRECERTIFIED SHIPMENTS, ALL SHIPMENTS MAY BE HELD UNTIL RESULTS FROM U.S. LABORATORY ANALYSIS ARE RECEIVED OR ELIGIBILITY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT(S) TO EXPORT PRODUCT TO THE U.S. MAY BE WITHDRAWN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN CORRECTED.
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H. INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS, OR ALL THE ESTABLISHMENTS, AS THE CASE MAY BE, WILL BE RETURNED TO NORMAL SAMPLING PROCEDURE AFTER A HISTORY OF COMPLIANCE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

I. INITIAL CONSIDERATION BY APHIS OF A RETURN TO NORMAL SAMPLING PROCEDURE MAY BE TAKEN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE PRECERTIFICATION PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN EFFECT.

J. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) HAS NOT YET ESTABLISHED QUOTE OFFICIAL TOLERANCES END QUOTE FOR SOME OF THE SUBSTANCES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (E) ABOVE. IN SUCH CASES, THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS MAY INDICATE QUOTE NO TOLERANCE ESTABLISHED END QUOTE./PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EPA TOLERANCES, AND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE

ACTION, THE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE ENFORCES THE ACTION LEVELS GIVEN ABOVE. THESE LEVELS ARE ENFORCED EQUALLY WITH RESPECT TO BOTH DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED PRODUCT.
END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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